

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1 and 7 and add newly submitted claim 10 as shown in Attachment "A" hereto.

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are pending in the application and are presented for reconsideration and further examination in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

In the outstanding Office Action claims 1-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 6,144,457 to Higuchi in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,208,640 to Horie et al.

By this Response and Amendment claims 1 and 7 have been amended to further differentiate the claimed invention over the prior art; and newly submitted claim 10 has been added to claim further features of the present invention. As amended, the rejections of claims 1-9 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) are traversed.

Support for the amendments to claims 1 and 7 is found in the originally filed specification, at page 10, lines 3-6 and from page 11, line 23 to page 12, line 3; and support for newly